

The Tuluksak Village Council passed Resolution No. 18-17-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE TULUKSAK NATIVE COMMUNITY, TULUKSAK VILLAGE COUNCIL AGAINST THE DONLIN GOLD MINE PROJECT, INCLUDING LAYOUT OF THE PROPOSED MINE SITE AND ITS PIPELINE GAS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Tuluksak Native Community is a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act, Amended Alaska Reorganization Act, with all powers and responsibilities inherent in a tribal sovereign government to protect and preserve Yuuyaraq Way of Life, and

WHEREAS, the Tuluksak Village Council is the five (5) duly-elected governing body of the Tuluksak Native Community, and

WHEREAS, it is very important to the Indigenous Tribes Yuuyaraq integrity, well-being, health, welfare, and food security to maintain its Way of Life, and

WHEREAS, the "Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act" (ANCSA), Public Law 92-203 and its amendments provided "No, ending of Federal, state, and Alaska Natives and Native Groups Special, Distinctive, Exceptional, Extraordinary, or Unique Relationship", and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government and its Agencies have Trust Fiduciary Duties to protect, preserve and promote tribal self-government, self-sufficiency, and Yuuyaraq Way of Life, and

WHEREAS, Since Time Beyond Remembering Tribal Ciuliat's (Ancestors) taught instruction in knowledge about Yuuyaraq natural laws of the Kuskokwim water and its tributary rivers, streams are connected to our Way of Life, and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act Section 404(c) authorizes US EPA to prohibit, restrict, or deny, reject and refuse the discharge of dredged or fill material at defined sites in Waters of the United States (also Wetlands) whenever it determines, after notice and opportunity for public hearing, that use of such sites for disposal would have an unacceptable adverse impact on one or more of the various resources including fisheries, wildlife, water supplies or surrounding areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Tuluksak Native Community, Tuluksak Village Council hereby is against the development and operation of the Donlin Gold Project Mine due to the extreme ruin, destruction and danger it should pose to the Yuuyaraq health and welfare in the Indigenous Tribes and the people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Federal Government, US EPA, and State DEC deny, reject and refuse Donlin Gold Project Mine for the state water quality certification permit, also other one hundred plus (100 +) permits that it is requesting.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted and Approved at a duly convened meeting of the Tuluksak Native Community, Tuluksak Village Council at which a quorum was present on July 5, 2018 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.

Signed and attested by: Middy Peter, Chief Tuluksak Village Council; and Kristy Napoka, Secretary, Tuluksak Village Council.